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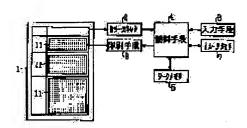
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CLAIMS

[Claim(s)]

[Claim 1] The color scanner which reads the picture on a form and is changed into the image data of a color, It controls to memorize the image data changed with this color scanner. And the control means controlled to calculate the position and size of a frame of a predetermined color from the alphabetic data inputted from the input means, and the above-mentioned image data, and to memorize a parameter respectively, The image memory which memorizes the above-mentioned image data controlled by these control means. The work memory which memorizes the above-mentioned alphabetic data and parameter which were controlled by the above-mentioned control means, The fixed form format printer characterized by consisting of printing meanses to print the above-mentioned alphabetic data in the frame of the predetermined color on the above-mentioned form through the above-mentioned control means, based on the position and size of a frame of a predetermined color which are shown with the parameter memorized by this work memory.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[Detailed Description of the Invention]

[0001]

[The technical field to which invention belongs] this invention relates to a fixed form format printer, and relates to the fixed form format printer which prints an item within the limit on a personal computer or a word processor especially according to the format of a fixed form like a resume.

[0002]

[Description of the Prior Art] The memory which memorizes the alphabetic data into which the printer of the former (not shown) was inputted from the input means, and the printing position, It consists of printing meanses to print an alphabetic data to the fixed form format form corresponding to the printing position memorized by this memory. Measure the position of the frame in which the item of a fixed form format form is written down first, input with an input means, and memory is made to memorize. So that the frame of the item of a fixed form format form may be suited After adjusting the set point of the pitch between digits of a printing means, and a paragraph pitch, The position memorized in memory was made to print with a printing means, and it was printing by inputting the alphabetic data entered in an item from an input means, memorizing in memory and inputting into a fixed form format form the position of the frame of the alphabetic data which should be printed, and an item, and a size.

[Problem(s) to be Solved by the Invention] However, the conventional printer had the technical problem that it was not printed between an input mistake or a digit and with the error of a paragraph pitch in the right position while it specified all positions by the coordinate input or adjustment of the set point and required time and effort very much, when there was an item which the time and effort which inputs the position of the item which should be printed not only in the alphabetic data which should be printed is taken, and many input into a fixed form format form.

[0004] Then, the purpose of this invention is to offer the fixed form format printer which automates the tab control specification of an entry by the frame of a predetermined color, and prints a character in an exact position.

[Means for Solving the Problem] In order to solve an above-mentioned technical problem, the fixed form format printer of this invention The color scanner which reads the picture on a form and is changed into the image data of a color, It controls to memorize the image data changed with this color scanner. And the control means controlled to calculate the position and size of a frame of a predetermined color from the alphabetic data inputted from the input means, and the above-mentioned image data, and to memorize a parameter respectively, The image memory which memorizes the above-mentioned image data controlled by these control means, The work memory which memorizes the above-mentioned alphabetic data and parameter which were controlled by the above-mentioned control means, It is characterized by consisting of printing meanses to print the above-mentioned alphabetic data in the frame of the predetermined color on the above-mentioned form through the above-mentioned control means, based on the position and size of a frame of a predetermined color which are shown with the parameter memorized by this work memory.

[Embodiments of the Invention] Next, the fixed form format printer by the gestalt of 1 operation of this invention is explained with reference to a drawing.

[0007] Drawing 1 is the block block diagram of the fixed form format printer by the gestalt of 1 operation of this invention.

[0008] Drawing 2 is the flow chart of the fixed form format printer by the gestalt of 1 operation of this invention.

[0009] Drawing 3 is a schematic diagram which detects the position and size of a frame of a fixed form format printer by the

gestalt of 1 operation of this invention.

[0010] The fixed form format printer by the gestalt of 1 operation of this invention The color scanner 2 which reads the picture on a form 1 and is changed into the image data of a color as shown in drawing 1, It controls to memorize the image data changed with this color scanner 2. And the control means 4 controlled to calculate the position and size of a frame 11 of a predetermined color from the alphabetic data inputted from the input means 6, and an image data, and to memorize a parameter respectively, The image memory 7 which memorizes the image data controlled by these control means 4, The work memory 5 which memorizes the alphabetic data and parameter which were controlled by control means 4, Based on the position and size of a frame 11 of a predetermined color which are shown with the parameter memorized by this work memory 5, it consists of printing meanses 3 to print an alphabetic data in the frame 11 of the predetermined color on a form 1 through control means 4. [0011] Next, operation of the fixed form format printer by the form of 1 operation of this invention is explained with reference to a drawing.

[0012] As shown in drawing 1, first, write a square frame in the portion of the input item of the fixed form format form 1 in a predetermined color the 1st, read this fixed form format form 1 with a color scanner 2, it is made to change into the image data of a color, and, as for operation of the fixed form format printer by the form of 1 operation of this invention, control means 4 write in this image data at image memory 7 (Step S1 of drawing 2).

[0013] As the image data of the predetermined color by which control means 4 were written [2nd] in image memory 7 is extracted, the position and size of a frame of a predetermined (Step S2 of drawing 2) color are detected and it is shown in drawing 3 Investigate data for every dot which read in the upper limit o of the fixed form format form 1 the image data of the frame written in image memory 7, and the portion of a frame is looked for (Step S3 of drawing 2). When the portion a of a frame is found, the coordinate (x y) of the position is memorized in the work memory 5. Compute a horizontal and vertical size (Sx, Sy) by scanning the portion of a frame, the work memory 5 is made to memorize (Step S4 of drawing 2), and all the frames of the predetermined color in an image data are repeatedly detected to the portion which hits the soffit of the fixed form format form 1 in this processing (Step S5 of drawing 2).

[0014] The alphabetic data (character string) corresponding to the frame detected from the input means 6 by the 3rd is inputted (Step S6 of $\frac{drawing 2}{drawing 2}$), and an alphabetic data is made to input from the input means 6 to each of the frames memorized in the work memory 5 (Step S7 of $\frac{drawing 2}{drawing 2}$), and it memorizes in the work memory 5 (Step S8 of $\frac{drawing 2}{drawing 2}$).

[0015] Give the alphabetic data and printing starting position (x y) which are memorized by the 4th at the work memory 5 to the printing means 3, it is made to print to the fixed form format form 1, and all the alphabetic datas of all the frames by which the number repeat input of frames was carried out in this are made to print (9 Step S of drawing 2 10).

[0016]

[Effect of the Invention] Input the coordinate of the printing position or there is an effect which can print the items mentioned in an exact position, without adjusting the set points, such as between digits and a paragraph pitch, only by inputting the alphabetic data print by detecting the entry field shown by the frame of a predetermined color from the image data of the color of the fixed form format form which read with the color scanner, and computing the printing position and a size according to the fixed form format printer of this invention, as having explained above.

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DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[Brief Description of the Drawings]

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[Description of Notations]

- 1 Fixed Form Format Form
- 2 Color Scanner
- 3 Printing Means
- 4 Control Means
- 5 Work Memory
- 6 Input Means
- 7 Image Memory

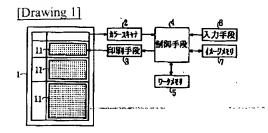
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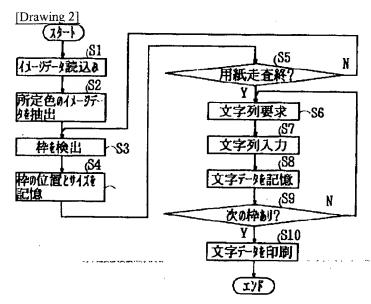
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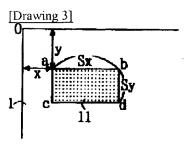
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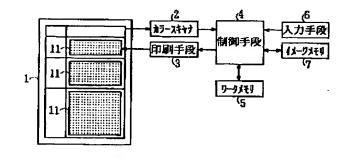
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(54) 【発明の名称】定型書式印刷装置

(57)【要約】

定型書式用紙の項目の印字位置や印字範囲の 指定を自動化して印字位置の精度を向上する定型書式印 刷装置。

【解決手段】 定型書式用紙1をカラースキャナ2によ って読み込んだイメージデータをイメージメモリ7に格 納する。このイメージメモリ7に格納された所定色のイ メージデータから枠11の定型書式用紙1上の座標と枠 の大きさを制御手段4で計算し、その値をワークメモリ 5に記憶する。その後、入力手段6から入力された文字 データをワークメモリ5の枠11と対応させて記憶し、 この文字データを印刷手段3で定型書式用紙1に印刷す る。



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、【特許請求の範囲】

【請衆項1】 用紙上の画像を読み取ってカラーのイメ ージデータに変換するカラースキャナと、このカラース キャナで変換されたイメージデータを記憶するよう制御 し、かつ入力手段から入力された文字データ及び、上記 イメージデータから所定色の枠の位置及び大きさを演算 してパラメータを各々記憶するよう制御する制御手段 と、この制御手段で制御された上記イメージデータを記 憶するイメージメモリと、上記制御手段で制御された上 記文字データ及びパラメータを記憶するワークメモリ と、このワークメモリに記憶されたパラメータで示され る所定色の枠の位置及び大きさに基づき、上記制御手段 を介して上記用紙上の所定色の枠に上記文字データを印 刷する印刷手段とで構成されたことを特徴とする定型書 式印刷装置。

【発明の詳細な説明】

[0001]

【発明の属する技術分野】本発明は、定型書式印刷装置 に係り、特に、パーソナルコンピュータやワードプロセ 内に印刷する定型書式印刷装置に関する。

[0002]

【従来の技術】従来(図示せず)の印刷装置は、入力手 段から入力された文字データと印刷位置とを記憶するメ モリと、このメモリに記憶された印刷位置に対応した定 型書式用紙へ文字データを印刷する印刷手段で構成さ れ、まず定型書式用紙の項目を記入する枠の位置を測定 し、入力手段で入力してメモリに記憶させ、定型書式用 紙の項目の枠に合うように印刷手段の桁間ピッチ及び行 間ピッチの設定値を調整後、項目に記入する文字データ を入力手段から入力してメモリに記憶し、定型書式用紙 にメモリに記憶した位置に印刷手段で印字させ、印刷す べき文字データ、項目の枠の位置、大きさを入力して印 刷を行なっていた。

[0003]

【発明が解決しようとする課題】しかしながら、従来の 印刷装置は、印字すべき文字データだけでなく印字すべ き項目の位置を入力する手間がかかり、かつ定型書式用 紙に多くの入力する項目がある場合、すべての位置を座 標入力や設定値の調整によって指定し、非常に手間がか 40 かるとともに、入力ミスや桁間及び行間ピッチの誤差で 正しい位置に印字されないという課題があった。

【0004】そこで、本発明の目的は、所定色の枠で記 入項目の位置指定を自動化して正確な位置に文字を印刷 する定型書式印刷装置を提供することにある。

[0005]

【課題を解決するための手段】上述の課題を解決するた めに、本発明の定型書式印刷装置は、用紙上の画像を読 み取ってカラーのイメージデータに変換するカラースキ

タを記憶するよう制御し、かつ入力手段から入力された 文字データ及び、上記イメージデータから所定色の枠の 位置及び大きさを演算してパラメータを各々記憶するよ う制御する制御手段と、この制御手段で制御された上記

イメージデータを記憶するイメージメモリと、上記制御 手段で制御された上記文字データ及びパラメータを記憶 するワークメモリと、このワークメモリに記憶されたパ ラメータで示される所定色の枠の位置及び大きさに基づ き、上記制御手段を介して上記用紙上の所定色の枠に上 記文字データを印刷する印刷手段とで構成されたことを

特徴とする。 [0006]

【発明の実施の形態】次に、本発明の一実施の形態によ る定型書式印刷装置を図面を参照して説明する。

【0007】図1は、本発明の一実施の形態による定型 書式印刷装置のブロック構成図である。

【0008】図2は、本発明の一実施の形態による定型 書式印刷装置のフローチャートである。

【0009】図3は、本発明の一実施の形態による定型 ッサ上で、履歴書のような定型の書式に従って項目を枠 20 書式印刷装置の枠の位置と大きさを検出する概要図であ る。

> 【0010】本発明の一実施の形態による定型書式印刷 装置は、図1に示すように、用紙1上の画像を読み取っ てカラーのイメージデータに変換するカラースキャナ2 と、このカラースキャナ2で変換されたイメージデータ を記憶するよう制御し、かつ入力手段6から入力された 文字データ及び、イメージデータから所定色の枠11の 位置及び大きさを演算してパラメータを各々記憶するよ う制御する制御手段4と、この制御手段4で制御された イメージデータを記憶するイメージメモリ7と、制御手 段4で制御された文字データ及びパラメータを記憶する ワークメモリ5と、このワークメモリ5に記憶されたパ ラメータで示される所定色の枠11の位置及び大きさに 基づき、制御手段4を介して用紙1上の所定色の枠11 に文字データを印刷する印刷手段3とで構成される。

【0011】次に、本発明の一実施の形態による定型書 式印刷装置の動作を図面を参照して説明する。

【0012】本発明の一実施の形態による定型書式印刷 装置の動作は、図1に示すように、まず第1に、定型書 式用紙1の入力項目の部分に所定色で四角の枠を書き込 み、この定型書式用紙1をカラースキャナ2で読み込ん でカラーのイメージデータに変換させ、このイメージデ ータを制御手段4がイメージメモリ7に書き込む(図2 のステップS1)。

【0013】第2に、制御手段4がイメージメモリ7に 書き込まれた所定色のイメージデータを抽出して(図2 のステップS2)所定色の枠の位置と大きさを検出し、 図3に示すように、イメージメモリ7に書き込まれた枠 のイメージデータを定型書式用紙1の上端 o から読み取 ャナと、このカラースキャナで変換されたイメージデー 50 ったドット毎にデータを調べて枠の部分を探し(図2の

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ステップS3)、枠の部分aが見つかった場合、その位置の座標(xx,y)をワークメモリ5に記憶し、枠の部分を走査して水平および垂直の大きさ(Sx,Sy)を算出してワークメモリ5に記憶させ(図2のステップS4)、この処理を定型書式用紙1の下端にあたる部分まで繰り返し、イメージデータ中の所定色の枠をすべて検出する(図2のステップS5)。

【0014】第3に、入力手段6から検出された枠に対応した文字データ(文字列)を入力し(図2のステップS6)、ワークメモリ5に記憶された枠の一つ一つに対 10して入力手段6から文字データを入力させ(図2のステップS7)、ワークメモリ5に記憶する(図2のステップS8)。

【0015】第4に、ワークメモリ5に記憶されている 文字データと印字開始位置(x,y)を印刷手段3に与 えて定型書式用紙1へ印刷させ、これを枠数繰り返し入 力されたすべての枠のすべての文字データを印刷させる (図2のステップS9,10)。

[0016]

【発明の効果】以上説明したように、本発明の定型書式 20 印刷装置によれば、カラースキャナで読み取った定型書 式用紙のカラーのイメージデータから所定色の枠で示された記入領域を検出し、印刷位置及び大きさを算出することにより、印刷する文字データを入力するだけで、印刷位置の座標を入力したり、桁間及び行間ピッチといった設定値を調整せずに正確な位置に記載事項を印刷できる効果がある。

【図面の簡単な説明】

【図1】本発明の一実施の形態による定型書式印刷装置のブロック構成図である。

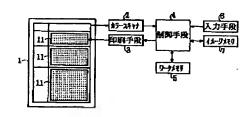
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【図3】本発明の一実施の形態による定型書式印刷装置 の枠の位置と大きさを検出する概要図である。

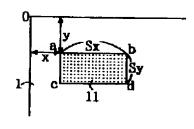
【符号の説明】

- 1 定型書式用紙
- 2 カラースキャナ
- 3 印刷手段
- 4 制御手段
- 5 ワークメモリ
- 6 入力手段
- 7 イメージメモリ

【図1】



【図3】



【図2】

